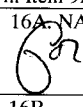
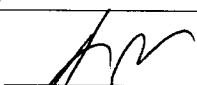


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14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) The District received an inquiry after the date set for submission of questions (12:00 pm, April 13, 2007.) This inquiry was also made outside the normal procurement bounds for such questions (i.e., it was not directed to the Contracting Officer). However, the inquiry did address a policy determination regarding LSDBE participation. For that reason alone, the District provides the following responses (see pages 2 and 3 of this Amendment), and also amends the solicitation, as specified below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Block 9 of the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form, as amended, the date set for receipt of proposals is changed from May 11, 2007 to May 14, 2007, and the time set for receipt of proposals is changed to 10:00am. Also, Section L.3.1, as amended, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with new section L.3.1, as follows: L.3.1 Proposal Submission - Proposals must be submitted no later than May 14, 2007, 10:00 am. The permissible level of subcontracting by prime SBEs to non-LSDBEs is increased from thirty percent (30%) to thirty-five percent. <p>See answers to questions, below.</p>													
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.													
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1. The project has morphed from what was initially called an IV&V engagement to broader functional support – consequently our planning for an IV&V effort needs to be substantially reworked to functional support.

Answer: This project was always a solicitation for PASS functional support and at no time was it solely an IV&V engagement (see Scope, Section C.1). There is an IV&V component as listed in the SOW at Section C.5.2.

2. This requires substantial modifications which frankly we need more time to do. Originally we were told to expect an amendment to the RFP in about a week after the April 10 bidders' conference. Rather Amendment 006 came out on Friday, May 4, about three weeks later than expected followed by amendment 007 with the Master Plan on May 7. This suggests a number of complex issues associated with the job which require more than one week (this Friday - May 11) to respond to. Friday, May 25 will allow proposers adequate time to prepare thorough responses.

Answer: There were no complex additions to the scope of work added in the posting of Amendment 006. However, so that all firms will have at least one week for review and preparation of submissions, the date and time set for receipt of proposals has been extended to May 14, 2007, 10:00am.

3. We are concerned with the 30% limitation on large firm participation on LSDBE teams. We request you revisit this issue as it was not expected and requires a complete rewrite of our proposal.

Answer: After full consideration, this procurement was conducted as a 100% SBE set aside, which furthers the District's policy goal of continuing to expand LSDBE opportunities in the District's Information Technology community. Based on the District's previous implementation experience, prior historical data and multiple requests by vendors to allow some non-LSDBE participation, the District set the permissible level of non-LSDBE subcontracting participation for this SBE set-aside procurement at thirty percent (30%). The amount of permissible non-LSDBE participation (up to 30%) would assure that this procurement is fully conducted by LSDBEs (*i.e.*, not a "pass through"), while taking into account the need for some specialized expertise that may not yet be widely available in the LSDBE community. At the request of the Department of Small and Local Business Development, the permissible level of non-LSDBE subcontracting participation was increased from thirty percent (30%) to thirty-five percent (35%).

4. We remain unclear about which project roles the District will like to see come with Ariba experience.

Answer: Those roles are specifically detailed at Section C.9.1.

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5. How many team members are to be proposed for what periods of time? We do not understand the reason some are 16 weeks on the initial effort and some 20 and 24, yet each is indicated at 1,000 hours.

Answer: The levels of effort as detailed for each of the labor categories are the District's estimate of what is required as set forth at Section B.4. The CLINs list 1,000 hours as the standard for comparative evaluation purposes only.

6. No changes in this configuration are indicated for the option periods. We suggest you allow the maximum number of hours but not restrict the number of positions. This way a firm, with the District's program management approval, can add more resources (within the allocated number of hours) as needed to get the job done.

Answer: There are no required labor categories, as that is a vendor's determination to be demonstrated in their approach to the proposal. See Sections C.3.1, C.3.2, C.3.3, C.3.4, and evaluation criteria sections M.3.1.1, M.3.1.2, M.3.1.3 and M.3.1.4 for details.

7. What is the now estimated number of staff to be trained? Beginning when? End of May seems premature to us.

Answer: The number of staff to be trained has always been 3700 as detailed at Sections C.2.10, C.7.1, C.7.3 and C.9.1. Section C.7.3 details the District's desire to leverage virtual meeting software to have the capacity to train more than 10,000 users, assuming each session was filled to capacity. At first glance, the previous number of users cited in the other sections contradicts this. This high level was chosen to ensure that sufficient capacity is available for the expected spike in session attendance as the project approaches the go-live date, and to allow each user several opportunities to attend multiple sessions if they feel the need. During the first few weeks, for example, the sessions may only have 10-20 attendees. As the go-live date approaches, however, the virtual sessions may approach capacity. The District wishes to provide as many avenues toward the completion of training as possible for the end-users.

8. Competition will drive pricing, most of which will be discounted DC/GSA schedule rates as we see it. Please remove the "Cost Summary" schedule as this has been declared a fixed hourly rate, not a "cost-plus" procurement.

Answer: This is not a DC Supply Schedule nor a GSA Schedule procurement. The Cost/Pricing Data submission form (Attachment J.08) is to be completed for use in the evaluation process.